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**ABC INVESTIGATORS TEAM WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO
ARREST 5 SUSPECTS FOR FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS**

Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Department arrested 5 suspects April 29, 2005 in the City of Oroville for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors.

ABC Investigators conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation which targets adults who purchase or furnish alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Under the program, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol.

If the adults comply, investigators then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$250 fine and 24 hours of community service.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at (530) 224-4830